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development incentives, the contracts that have flowed therefrom. And when we have, what, 100...in round numbers, 170 applications pending right now and those applications say...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...say that they would employ 20,000 people, I think every one of you want those 20,000 jobs. This is about jobs and people and families and homes and keeping the economy of this state going forward with the unusual unity that it's had during the final decade when we actually had positive growth. You've heard the story, and as we have the opportunity, I urge you to support the bracket motion and say where we stand, and mean it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. There have been some unspoken implications. Well, some of them have been spoken. Senator Wickersham has referred to business a number of times as the beneficiary of LB 775, LB 620, et cetera. A beneficiary receives a benefice, which is a voluntary gift or deed. And there's nothing voluntary about this. The other implication has been that businesses are not carrying their share of the load. They are paying their taxes. Because of their participation in a contract, they are receiving a credit for some of the taxes they have paid as it relates directly to an investment that they have made and jobs they have created--over 500 in my district alone, and my district is one county--520 jobs, millions of dollars of investment. In the county directly east of mine, there's another \$70 million...pardon me, I'm sorry...\$50 million to be spent in the next two years. Let's break our word to them, too. We are at some time, either now or during the Special Session for this year, going to have to face reality. Businesses know how to reduce their costs. We are told of the...some number of jobs, 100, 200 jobs. Those jobs evidently were not there several years ago because they didn't have the money that they are now saying is insufficient. We are going to have to face this because we have spent this week working on 1.116 percent of the appropriation amount. We have \$125 million...yeah, \$125 million